

PRESS RELEASE
STATEWIDE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE
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To: Norwalk Advocate/Police Blotter:

On 06/22/04 members of the **Statewide Narcotics Task Force** arrested two Jamaican Females (The operator of the vehicle) Janella Joyner DOB 09/28/80 of 56 Webb Ave Stamford CT. and (the passenger of the vehicle) Lorraine Howell of 63 Clinton Avenue Norwalk CT while operating a 1996 Nissan Altima Connecticut registration 504-SXL. Found in the vehicle was over 2 pounds of marijuana and a Glock 40 caliber handgun. A search of Mrs. Howell business located at 71 Cedar Street and her home located at 63 Clinton Avenue, both of Norwalk, revealed over 21 pounds of marijuana, ready for resale, and drug factory items such as scales and other narcotics paraphernalia. The street value of the marijuana is approximately \$64,000.00.

Both of the accused were processed at Troop-G in Bridgeport where bonds of \$100,000.00 was set for Mrs. Howell and \$25,000.00 for Mrs. Joyner. There is expected to be other arrests made in connection with the above information.

Howell was charged with Possession of Marijuana over one Kilo With Intent to Sell, Operating Drug Factory, Possession of Marijuana within 1500 feet of a Housing Project and Risk of Injury to a Minor.

Joyner was charged with Possession of Marijuana over Four Ounces With Intent to Sell, Possession of Marijuana within 1500 feet of a Housing Project and Risk of Injury to a Minor.

Court date for both are set for 07/13/04 at GA 20 in Norwalk Superior Court